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1. At Ammendorf near Halle, on 17 June 1947, all former members of the Wehrmacht were registered. Luftwaffe pilots were personally visited by the police and informed that any effort to flee would be useless, since such factors would result in the immediate conscription of other members of the family and the confiscation of all ration cards.
2. In Halle, former officers who registered previously are now being called up by the Russians. No German officials participate in this conscription, which the Russians carry out very quietly on an individual basis; there are no mass call-ups.
3. Krüger (SED), Polizeipräsident of Halle, admitted the conscription of German officers and technicians but stated that this recruitment was proceeding on a voluntary basis with the mutual agreement of both parties involved (Die Übernahme in russische Dienste geht auf freiwilliger Basis mit gegenseitigen Verträgen vor sich). Krüger compared this to the activities of Germans with the Western Allies, who, in his opinion, were doing the same thing.
4. In Kreis Annaberg (south of Chemnitz) all former officers had to register at the Kreis Kommandatura between 17 and 20 June 1947.
5. In Kreis Grimma (east of Leipzig) all persons who formerly lived in Russia or the Baltic States have had to register.

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